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Seasonal Trends Increase Joblessness

Unemployment in Michigan edged upward as normal seasonal job losses pushed the state's January jobless rate up to 12.8 percent from 11.9 percent in December. The rate represents 530,000 unemployed individuals, approximately 29,000 more than the total of a month ago. The unemployment increase was due primarily to retail workers losing their temporary holiday jobs. Total employment in January registered a significant decline as the number of employed individuals fell by 98,000 during the month to 3,616,000. Additionally, the loss of seasonal job holders and unsuccessful job seekers reduced the civilian labor force by 69,000 to 4,146,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 73,000 or 2.1 percent, while the size of the labor force has dropped by 123,000. In January 1983, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 726,000, representing a jobless rate of 17.0 percent.

Payroll Employment Decreases

Wage and salary employment in Michigan declined for the first time in five months. In January, approximately 52,000 employment opportunities were eliminated as job losses were evident in all three sectors of the economy. Private nonmanufacturing employment experienced the largest job decline as total jobs within the sector fell by 39,800. Normal seasonal patterns were followed as the majority of furloughed workers were centered in the construction, retail trade and service related industries. Total manufacturing jobs edged downward by 9,000 to 923,300 primarily in response to scattered production adjustments in the automotive industry. Public sector employment decreased slightly as local level losses were partially offset by state level gains. Total industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 123,500 or four percent since January 1983. Manufacturing employment has accounted for 75 percent of the increase while nonmanufacturing jobs rose by 37,600 over the year.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

January, 1984 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,146,000	3,616,000	530,000	12.8%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	141,600	131,100	10,500	7.4
Battle Creek SMSA	77,500	66,700	10,800	13.9
Bay City-SMSA	51,000	42,800	8,200	16.1
Benton Harbor-SMSA	68,300	58,600	9,700	14.2
Detroit	1,898,700	1,660,200	238,500	12.6
Flint-SMSA	215,600	186,100	29,500	13.7
Grand Rapids SMSA	322,800	288,800	34,000	10.5
Jackson-SMSA	62,600	53,400	9,200	14.7
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	136,300	120,800	15,500	11.4
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	240,600	219,400	21,200	8.8
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	73,600	62,600	11,000	14.9
Saginaw-SMSA	95,500	83,700	11,800	12.4
Upper Peninsula LMA	137,800	111,700	26,100	18.9

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates
State of Michigan

Item	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Jan. 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	4,146.0	4,215.5	4,179.5	4,269.4
Employment	3,616.0	3,714.1	3,690.3	3,543.3
Unemployment	530.0	501.4	489.2	726.1
Rate	12.8%	11.9%	11.7%	17.0%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,221.8	3,273.8	3,262.9	3,098.3
Manufacturing	923.3	932.3	924.5	833.7
Durables	725.6	735.0	727.4	646.8
Lumber & Wood Products	11.1	11.1	11.2	9.7
Furniture & Fixtures	22.9	23.3	23.4	21.5
Metals	164.9	164.8	161.5	142.4
Primary Metals	53.5	53.4	52.7	47.1
Fabricated Metals	111.4	111.4	108.8	95.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	120.1	121.9	119.4	115.9
Electrical Machinery	31.5	28.5	28.3	29.7
Transportation Equipment	339.2	348.6	346.2	294.5
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	320.7	330.1	327.8	277.9
Other Transportation Equip.	18.5	18.5	18.4	16.6
Other Durables	35.9	36.8	37.4	33.1
Nondurables	197.6	197.3	197.1	186.9
Food & Kindred Products	45.3	45.6	46.0	43.7
Textiles & Apparel	20.5	20.7	20.6	17.0
Paper & Allied Products	20.4	20.5	20.5	20.0
Printing & Publishing	33.3	33.4	32.6	32.8
Chemicals & Petroleum	42.4	42.3	42.4	43.2
Other Nondurables	35.7	34.8	35.0	30.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,727.5	1,767.3	1,755.9	1,689.9
Construction	79.1	86.0	93.3	74.9
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	138.0	137.7	138.3	137.0
Wholesale Trade	152.7	152.5	150.8	146.7
Retail Trade	540.6	567.4	552.3	530.6
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	152.9	152.1	151.5	149.5
Services	654.9	663.2	660.8	642.6
Mining	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.6
Government	571.1	574.2	582.5	574.7
Federal	54.8	55.5	54.9	55.3
State	144.6	139.4	146.4	143.5
Local	371.7	379.3	381.2	375.9
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1983 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1983 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan continued to increase during the month of January. The regular benefits claims load averaged 152,300 per week during the month, approximately 23,120, or 18 percent higher than the December total. In January 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 302,150.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program continued to decline in January. The number of claimants receiving FSC fell by 15,175, or 32 percent, to average 32,125 for the month. The Extended Benefits (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
January 7, 1984	135,900	19,300	116,600	32,000	3,000	29,000
January 14, 1984	163,900	25,500	138,400	33,300	3,100	30,200
January 21, 1984	153,000	17,900	135,100	31,900	2,900	29,000
January 28, 1984	156,400	17,300	139,100	31,300	3,100	28,200

1983 Benchmark Released

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly sample-based survey of households which provides Michigan with state estimates of employment, unemployment and civilian labor force data. Since the size of the sample is not sufficient to obtain reliable monthly labor market area estimates, they are derived from state U.I. operations and adjustment factors based on CPS data.

Each year, the monthly CPS labor force and unemployment estimates for Michigan are revised to new population controls. Consequently, estimates for labor market areas must also be adjusted annually to the new state totals. The data in this newsletter reflect the 1983 CPS adjustments for Michigan and the local area.

Additionally, the benchmark procedure also involves the adjustment of industry employment estimates. These estimates which are based on a monthly sample of employers, are revised annually to the total count of covered jobs reported under the Michigan Employment Security Act. The data in this newsletter are based on the March 1983 wage and salary employment benchmark.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries inched upward from 43.8 hours in December to 44.0 hours in January. The increase occurred primarily as a result of longer hours worked by individuals in the automotive industry. During the month, average hourly earnings rose by six cents to $12.04, while average weekly earnings climbed by $5.06 to total $529.41. In January 1983, earnings averaged $11.40 an hour or $468.59 per week for a 41.1 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$12.04**	**$11.98**	**$11.40**	**44.0**	**43.8**	**41.1**	**$529.41**	**$524.35**	**$468.59**
DURABLE GOODS	12.54	12.46	11.86	44.5	44.1	41.3	557.46	549.85	489.30
Primary Metal Products	12.36	12.04	12.83	42.6	42.4	40.8	526.12	511.16	523.85
Fabricated Metal Products	11.85	11.89	11.00	43.9	44.6	40.2	520.85	530.62	442.33
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.92	11.96	11.50	43.5	43.8	40.2	518.00	523.53	462.00
Electrical Machinery	10.02	10.33	9.73	41.5	42.8	39.7	415.65	442.22	386.23
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.06	13.86	13.14	46.3	45.0	42.7	651.35	623.83	561.64
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.07	10.10	9.69	42.1	42.3	40.6	424.09	426.98	393.60
Contract Construction	14.57	14.23	14.89	35.6	35.4	35.8	518.94	503.45	532.64
Department Stores	6.13	6.08	6.05	30.7	30.7	28.1	188.55	186.66	170.00

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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